GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HIGH COST OF HEART SURGERY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that due to very high cost of heart surgery many poor patients are unable to avail it;

(b) if so, the steps proposed by the Government to bring down the cost of heart surgery ;

(c) whether the Government is planning to standardize the rates of Angiography,Angioplasty and Bypass Surgery; and

(d) if so, the total number of Government hospitals n India which carry out heart surgery and the number of patients operated per day in these hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The cost of heart surgery is dependent on the nature of surgical interventions. The cost of surgery is high only for interventions such as valve repair, angioplasty, bypass surgery; as these include costly consumables and drugs. The facility of heart surgery is available in many Government Medical Colleges Hospitals and apex institutes like AIIMS, PGIMER, Chandigarh, JIPMER and SGPGI, Lucknow, etc. and the operation cost at these Institutions are subsidized. In sofar as the poor and needy patients are concerned, financial support is provided through RAN National Illness Assistance Fund. The Ministry is not maintaining any centralized data on the total number of Government hospitals performing such surgeries and number of patients being operated every day).